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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 47th, 48th and 56th meetings, on 2 and 3 May and 1 June 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.47, 48 and 56).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/59/751);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/736/Add.8).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.51

4. At its 56th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (A/C.5/59/L.51), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Singapore.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.51 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the proposal of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 13 of his report[1] and his intention to report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the matter;

2. *Also takes note* of the status of outstanding contributions to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina as at 15 April 2005 in the amount of 27.9 million United States dollars, representing some 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and fifteen Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendation contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

5. *Decides* to postpone the return of the net cash balance of 7,182,000 dollars available as at 30 June 2004 in the special account of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

6. *Also decides* that updated information on the financial position of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina should be included in the report to be considered by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the updated position of closed peacekeeping missions under the agenda item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations";

7. *Further decides* that the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" shall be eliminated from the agenda.

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[1] A/59/751.

[2] A/59/736/Add.8.